

318AD

A Synod of 150 bishops condemned
ARIANISM but the Arians refused
to submit to its authority

A priest from Egyptian town of BAUCALIS startled his bishop with strange opinions about the nature of Christ. Christ said ARIUS was not one with the Creator, he was rather the LOGOS, the first and highest of all created beings. Bishop Alexander protested; Arius persisted. If, he argued, the Son had been begotten of the father, it must have been in time; the son

therefore could not be Co eternal with the Father. Furthermore, if Christ was created, it must have been from nothing, not from the Father's substance. Christ was not "coexistent" with the Father. The Holy Spirit was begotten by the LOGOS, and was still less God than the LOGOS. Bishop Alexander was shocked by the rapid spread even among the clergy. He called a Council of Egyptian Bishops at Alexandria, persuaded it to condemn Arius & sent an account of the proceedings to the bishops

St. Pachomius established the first foundation of the cenobitic (community) life, as compared with the solitary life of hermits in Upper Egypt.

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DONATIST and ARIAN disputes.